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For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR EVALUATING VIRAL
RECEPTOR/CO-RECEPTOR USAGE AND INHIBITORS OF
VIRUS ENTRY USING RECOMBINANT VIRUS ASSAYS

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ATTN: Box Missing Parts

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 2, 2001 NOTICE
TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION-FILING DATE GRANTED**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the July 2, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this July 2, 2001 Notice is due September 2, 2001. However, since September 2, 2001 falls on a Sunday, the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Tuesday, September 4, 2001, shall be considered timely under 37 CFR §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.